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Two people accused of disrupting CIA recruiting at the University of Massachusetts in Amherst have been ordered to perform 15 hours of community service work or pay \$50 in court costs.

District Judge Alvertus J. Morse found sufficient facts Thursday for a guilty finding on trespassing charges against Perry Amsellem, 27, of Northampton, and Lisa Sheehy, 25, of Amherst, in a five-hour trial.

Morse continued the case without a finding for six months and said the charges would be dismissed if they paid court costs or performed public service work and stayed out of trouble.

Amsellem and Sheehy were arrested Nov. 5 when they walked into a campus placement office while students were being interviewed and refused to leave. They were protesting CIA involvement in Central America.

About 150 people picketed outside the courthouse before the proceedings in support and packed the courtroom during the trial.

Amsellem and Sheehy, acting as their own attorneys, argued international law required that they bring attention to CIA activities, and that their actions were protected by their freedom of speech.

"I feel it is my obligation as a citizen of this country to stop my government for acts so heinous that they're on a level with Nazi war crimes," said Amsellem.

They called four witnesses to testify about CIA activities and international law.

But Assistant District Attorney Rosemary Tarantino said the students should have left when asked by police, and had violated the rights of the students trying to be interviewed.

"The defendants have a right to speak as long as they're not interfering with interviews," she said. "Throughout this process, they infringed upon someone else's First Amendment rights."

Morse agreed.

"They had a right to raise their voice and talk to the CIA," he said. "But there's a point when you have to say, 'All right, you've had your time.'"

Amsellem and Sheehy called as witnesses Richard Falk, a Princeton University international law professor, ~~Ralph McGeehee~~, a former CIA agent, Joy Hackel of the Institute for Policy Studies in Washington, and Lou Wolf, co-editor of the Covert Action Information Bulletin.

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